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Please see media inquiry and recommended response. Let me know if you approve release of this response. Thanks. Terri

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Media Inquiry: Michele Gerlach, Port Arthur News, 334-488-5317
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I am an Alabama newspaper editor/reporter "on loan" to the Port Arthur (Texas) News in the aftermath of the storm. Today, I happened into the EPA's mobile office looking for a story and was directed to you. I am interested in finding out what the EPA will be doing in the area and what local folks need to know.

Draft Response

EPA has an organized emergency response program and is supporting FEMA, state, local and tribal partners. Safety is EPA's top priority.

EPA responders are fully integrated in a Unified Command with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas General Land Office, and the US Coast Guard assessing drinking water and waste water facilities to maintain and/or resume their operational status, along with evaluating, cleaning up and recovering spills, releases and orphan containers in impacted areas of Texas.

Field operations are managed from three Branch locations -- Corpus Christi, Houston, and Port Arthur. Joint teams at the three branches are focused on oil and container recovery and assessing discharges of oil.

TCEQ and EPA have completed surveys of 4,852 drinking water facilities and 2,908 wastewater facilities in impacted areas, including Port Arthur. A drinking water technical support team will

assist the City of Beaumont Water System, where a boil-water advisory remains in effect.

Teams are evaluating areas for hazards on land and in waterways for recovery and cleanup.

For more information and updates

- EPA's https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=12353 for information and updates about EPA's response activities;
- TCEQ's <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/hurricanes> for information and updates about TCEQ's response activities; and
- TGLO's <http://www.glo.texas.gov/index.html> for information and updates about TGLO's response activities.